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NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE REFERENCES

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	Set forth below are comments provided by the applicant's home country counsel on the relevancy of non-English language references:

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